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SUBJ: W/W POSSIBLE PRISONER HUNGER STRIKE

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1. MONTERREY 0782 PROVIDED ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US AT THIS TIME. WE DID NOT MENTION PRISONS AT MATEHUALA AND SAN LUIS POTOSI FOR FOLLOWING REASONS. THE ONLY AMERICAN PRISONER AT MATEHUALA IS DERIVATIVE CITIZEN THROUGH FATHER. HE DOES NOT SPEAK OR READ ENGLISH AND IS AWAITING TRIAL ON SHOOTING CHARGE. WE BELIEVE HE WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN HUNGER STRIKE. TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS AT SAN LUIS POTOSI BOTH CLAIM TO BE STRICTLY MEXICAN CITIZENS AND REFUSE SEE CONOFF. WE BELIEVE THAT NEITHER OF THEM WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HUNGER STRIKE.
2. TELEPHONIC CONTACT MADE WITH DURANGO INMATE AUGUST 31, INDICATES THAT US CITIZEN PRISONERS IN DURANGO ARE NOT AWARE OF PLAN FOR HUNGER STRIKE.
3. CONOFF WILL VISIT PRISONERS AT DURANGO AND TORREON ON SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8. ANOTHER CONOFF WILL VISIT PENITENTIARIES AT SALTILLO AND MONTERREY ON SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8. WE WILL REPORT RESULTS THESE VISITS TO DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 9.
4. EL NORTE, MONTERREY'S LARGEST CIRCULATION DAILY, DEVOTED ITS FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL ON AUGUST 31 TO THE U.S. PRISONERS' HUNGER

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STRIKE THREAT. CAPTIONED QUOTE SAVAGERY UNQUOTE, THE EDITORIAL SAYS

THAT AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICAN JAILS, ALLEGING MALTREATMENT, BEATINGS AND OTHER ABUSES AGAINST THEM, HAVE THREATENED TO GO ON A HUNGER STRIKE TO FORCE MEXICO TO RETURN THEM TO THE U.S. AS LAWBREAKERS, THESE PRISONERS MUST FACE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR CRIMES, AND JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE FOREIGNERS, THEY SHOULD NOT THINK THEIR CRIME IS LESS. NEVERTHELESS, MEXICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGATIONS OF MALTREATMENT, WHICH IF IT IS OCCURRING, ALSO AFFECTS MEXICANS.

THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES: QUOTE LOSS OF LIBERTY AS PUNISHMENT IS PERMITTED BY SOCIETY PROVIDED UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS ARE RESPECTED. LET IT NOT BE SAID THAT MEXICO IS STILL LIVING IN PRE-COLONIAL SAVAGERY UNQUOTE.
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